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Instructing the Secretary of State to provide the Congress with complete information concerning the number of American nationals now held by the Soviet Union or so held at any time since the cessation of hostilities at the conclusion of World War II, and all steps taken to identify and recover such persons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 1983

Mr. HANSEN of Idaho introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

Instructing the Secretary of State to provide the Congress with complete information concerning the number of American nationals now held by the Soviet Union or so held at any time since the cessation of hostilities at the conclusion of World War II, and all steps taken to identify and recover such persons.

Whereas the Nation was shocked and enraged by the wanton murder of innocent passengers and crew of Korean Airlines Flight 007 last month;

Whereas this is not the first time the Soviet Government has shot down airplanes on the periphery of its empire;

Whereas, in the more than thirty incidents of airplanes shot down by the Soviets, there have been several in which there were verified and possible survivors;

Whereas it is the obligation of the Soviet Government to inform the Government of the United States of the identity of any American national held by the Soviet Government; and

Whereas there is clear evidence that the Soviet Government hold and has held scores of American nationals as a result of shooting down aircraft without ever advising the United States and without admitting that it so holds American nationals: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of State be instructed to provide the Con-
4 gress with complete information concerning the number of
5 American nationals now held by the Soviet Union or so held
6 at any time since the cessation of hostilities at the conclusion
7 of World War II; and be it further

8 *Resolved, That the Secretary provide the Congress with*
9 the total record of any and all steps taken by the Department
10 of State or by any other agency of the Government of the
11 United States to identify and recover the persons or remains
12 of American nationals held by the Soviet Government; and
13 be it further

14 *Resolved, That, in particular, the Secretary provide*
15 such detailed information with reference to the following inci-
16 dents:

1 A. Baltic Incident, United States Navy Privateer, April
2 8, 1950, Soviets report firing on United States plane over
3 Latvia near Leipaja (Libau). The crew:

- 4 1. Howard C. Seeschaf—264095
- 5 2. John Fette—320676
- 6 3. Robert Reynolds—368573
- 7 4. Tommy Burgess—506762
- 8 5. Joe Henry Danens—3685438
- 9 6. Jack Thomas—2242750
- 10 7. Frank Beckman—2799076
- 11 8. Edward Pureili—2540438
- 12 9. Joseph Rinniar—2542600
- 13 10. Joseph Bourassa—9539864;

14 B. Kamchatka Incident, United States Air Force B-29,
15 June 13, 1952, Soviets report firing on B-29 which was
16 downed over Kamchatka Peninsula or the Sea of Japan. The
17 missing personnel and their serial numbers from the B-29
18 are:

- 19 1. Samuel Busch—733811
- 20 2. James Scully—693414
- 21 3. Samuel Service—752509
- 22 4. Robert McDonnel—2222264
- 23 5. William Homer—7025704
- 24 6. David Moore—15229915
- 25 7. William Blizzard—19244175

1 8. Miguel Monserrat—13164064

2 9. Eddie Berg—17281746

3 10. Leon Bonura—18359162

4 11. Roscoe Becker—19391813

5 12. Danny Pillsbury—18245964;

6 C. Kamchatka Peninsula, Sea of Japan Incident, United
7 States Air Force B-50, July 29, 1953, Soviets report Soviet
8 fighters fired at B-50 for violating Soviet borders over
9 Gamona and Askold Island near Vladivostock. They say the
10 craft disappeared. One crewman was saved by an American
11 destroyer. He saw crewmates being picked up by Soviet
12 ships, sixteen airmen are missing;

13 D. Armenian Incident, United States Air Force C-130.
14 Soviets report United States Air Force transport shot down
15 in Armenia. Six bodies have been returned to the United
16 States. Eleven others unaccounted for. Union of Soviet So-
17 cialist Republics magazine "Ogoniok" citing article in East
18 German publication reports eleven crew members of C-130
19 parachuted safely and were captured. Union of Soviet Social-
20 ist Republics later denies report; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary include in his report all
22 information available with reference to those instances set
23 forth in the Congressional Record of September 14, 1983, on
24 pages S12128 and S12129.

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